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Remarks

Claim Status

Claims 8-17, 21-25, 27-29 and 31-41 remaining pending in the application. Claims 9, 14 and 29 are amended in an editorial manner and not in response to the art or any formal requirements.

Allowed Claims

We greatly appreciate the indication in the November 17, 2006 <u>Notice of Allowance</u> that all claims are allowed. We respectfully request another Notice of Allowance.

Information Disclosure Statement

An information Disclosure Statement is filed concurrently herewith. We respectfully request consideration of the information disclosed therein.

Conclusion:

We respectfully submit that the application still stands ready for allowance.

Nevertheless, the Examiner is respectfully invited to contact the undersigned at 503-469-4685 with any questions.

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